



Interglide 2024

Interglide is an established CONTEST Eurotour F5J / FAI World Cup competition, this year taking place 29-30 June at Hamilton Farm (near Ashford, Kent, England).

Hamilton Farm is a fantastic location on a private airfield only a few miles from Dover and the Tunnel. EU fliers standardly do not require a visa. This year, as before, we offer ...

- **'Interfeast'** – gourmet BBQ 'Interfeast' Event Meal
- **Full-size aerobatic display** – by airfield owner Richard Thomas
(see 'Hamilton Farm spotlight' below)
- **Tailored booking arrangements** to help pilots who may be affected by minimum-number requirements for national team selection.

Come and join us!



The details

WEBSITE for more information and for entry: <https://www.interglide.co.uk>

ORGANISERS: British Association of Radio Control Soarers. (BARCS is a Specialist Body of the British Model Flying Association.)

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CATEGORY: FAI F5J Thermal Duration Gliders

RULES: the competition will be run according to the [F5J rules in the 2024 FAI Sporting Code Volume F5 Radio Control Electric Powered Model Aircraft](#). All AMRT devices must conform to the specifications published in the F5J Altimeter/Motor Run Timer Technical Documentation. This means that AMRT devices must be set to either the FAI setting or the setting that permits an emergency motor re-start but then records a zero flight score. UK Variants shall not apply.

JURY: Members of the Jury will be chosen nearer the time, according to the FAI rules.

LANGUAGES: English



Interglide 2023 winners

LOCATION: The Hamilton Farm Airstrip, Bilsington, Ashford Kent, TN25 7JJ.
Wonderful location with a choice of basic or deluxe camping available (see below).

Website for more information: <https://www.hamiltonfarm-cl.co.uk/>



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COSTS AND REFUNDS: There is a big reduction in entry fees for 2024 – and a further ‘Earlybird’ reduction for those booking before May:

- Early bird entry (up to 30 April)¹: Seniors £25 | Juniors £10
- Full price entry (1 May – 17 June): Seniors £35 | Juniors £15

Final date for entries is Monday 17 June (unless we are full earlier). In the event of a withdrawal just email whitstable.nick@outlook.com. A full refund of entry fees and of any catering bookings will be given if notification is received on or before Monday 24 June.

We’re very aware that some countries now impose a minimum number of pilots in a contest for results to count towards national F5J team selection. We hope these arrangements allow pilots potentially affected to book for Interglide with confidence – you’ve the option to withdraw later.

NUMBERS: Entries are limited to a maximum of 60 and booking will close before 17 June if the maximum is reached earlier. In this case, any further entries will be kept on a reserve list in sequence and allocated places if any competitor withdraws. The current number of registrations, updated in real time, is available at <https://www.interglide.co.uk/pilots/>

ENTRY FORM: Please enter online using the website:

<https://www.interglide.co.uk/online-entry-form>

Any problem with online entry, please do contact Nick Jackson (details above).

MEALS: These meals may be booked when registering: buffet lunch Sat and Sun: £9 person per day; ‘Interfeast’ Event Meal Sat evening: £18. (More in ‘Hamilton Farm Spotlight’ below.)

¹ As well as reduced fees, Earlybird entrants will go into a draw: one flier will win free entry for 2025.

CAMPING: Two sorts of camping are available:

- Basic facilities will be available on the field, in the area outside of the fenced off Caravan Club site. These consist of a fresh water supply and portable toilets. They do not include use of the Caravan Club site showers or toilets. Please camp well away from the boundary fence of the Caravan Club area.

This year, there is a small charge for basic camping - £5 per unit per night.

- Full facilities are available on the Caravan Club site. These need to be booked separately, with the site owners:

www.hamiltonfarm-cl.co.uk

+44 (0)1233 720829

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OTHER ACCOMMODATION: Details of local hotels and bed & breakfast can be found on the Interglide website - <https://www.interglide.co.uk/accommodation/>

FAI SPORTING LICENCE: Because this is a Eurotour / World Cup competition, all fliers must have an FAI sporting licence. UK competitor with no licence? No problem. You'll be contacted by Interglide organisers and there's a short online form. You pay £10 for a one-year licence (or £30 for a five-year).

CAA: CAA (UK Civil Aviation Authority) has two requirements to fly a model in the UK:

- Display an Operator ID – the organisers will supply a valid registration number on a small slip of paper for non-UK pilots. This can be carried in the cockpit or taped to the model.
- Obtain a Flyer ID – simple online test (free and no-stress²)

<https://register-drones.caa.co.uk/individual/prepare-for-the-drone-theory-test>

INSURANCE: UK fliers must show proof of BMFA insurance or equivalent cover. Non-UK fliers will if necessary be covered by BMFA contest insurance.

FREQUENCIES: Frequencies allowed in the UK are 35Mhz and 2.4Ghz.

LIABILITY: The CD, organisers and organising body take no responsibility for any losses made by pilots or by anyone else, except where (and to the extent that) is not permitted or not reasonable to exclude or limit liability.

² You are welcome to use the CAA guidance when doing the test. No time-limit. No limit on retakes.

Schedule

Campsite open from Midday Thursday 27 June (unless arrangements have been made before then with the Caravan Club site owners). **No Flying on the Field before Friday.**

- **Friday 28 June:** Practice day (Frequency control is at your own risk)
- **Saturday 29 June:** Briefing 09:15, Flying starts 09:30 (Rounds 1-6)
- **Sunday 30 June:** Briefing 09.15, Flying starts 09:30 (Rounds 7-9 + 3 Rounds Fly Off). Prize giving after the contest, departure.
- Campsite must be vacated by Midday **Monday 1 July**
The flying schedule is subject to change according to weather conditions and the number of entrants.



Improving arrangements

We've made a number of detailed improvements over the last few years - many of them in response to feedback from fliers. For example: full random draw – no 'teams'; grass will be cut short and cleared; portable toilet available next to the flightline; high-quality wireless PA with full flightline and pits coverage; full independent timing for the fly-off and extensive independent monitoring of score for the preliminary rounds; real-time results published online end of each round.

Give us another try in 2024 if you have been put off by problems with any of these in the past!

Hamilton Farm Spotlight

The airfield is a lovely venue – plenty of space for a max-60 competition; a fascinating spot for anyone interested in aviation; a great atmosphere. Richard Thomas puts on a fine aerobatic display before the event meal and there are lots more full-size machines to look at – in the air when we're not flying and on the ground. A really nice Caravan Club site with full facilities – or basic camping on the flying-field site.



Hamilton Airfield Tea Room³ is a recently-developed catering enterprise run on the airfield (the clue's in the name) and run by Anastasia Thomas and partner Klaudia Beresova. Both of them are qualified chefs – Stacey is a pastry specialist and Klaudia will be heading up the



barbecuing. Last year, they did a fantastic job with limited facilities. The inaugural 'Interfeast' event meal and lunches at were excellent (see the reviews on Facebook or ask anyone who was there). This year, they have agreed to cater for us again, with another year's experience and all their infrastructure in place. They have a full professional kitchen as well as a pro BBQ set-up. We'll have outdoor tables available if fine / indoor if not.

There are full toilet facilities in the Tearoom premises.

Interfeast Do consider coming to the event meal – as last year, it promises to be a great evening. The £18 cost is for the food (gourmet barbecue – full menu in a later bulletin) with the first drink free. This year for the first time, BARCS has a drinks licence and will be selling moderately-priced drinks (details in the next bulletin) with profits split between the Tea Room and BARCS' support of UK soaring.

Thanks to all at Hamilton Farm for their help in building Interglide into a proper international social event as well as a great F5J competition.

³ <https://www.facebook.com/Hamilton-Airfield-Tea-Room-104442379174410/>